

House Resolution 2086

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles Henry Arp, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the United States mourns the loss of one of its most
3 distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Charles Henry Arp, Sr., on April 24, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Arp was born on May 30, 1931, in Polk County, Tennessee, a beloved son
5 of the late Carl Andrew Arp, Sr., and the late Ruby Brockman Arp; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Arp graduated from Copperhill High School, where he was an outstanding
7 football and basketball player; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans from 1951
10 to 1953; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Arp earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Tennessee
12 Wesleyan and Western Carolina Universities and dedicated over 28 years to challenging and
13 uplifting the lives of students in Fannin County as an educator; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he began his career as a sixth grade teacher and football coach at McCaysville
15 Elementary School, and during his distinguished career as an educator, Mr. Arp served as
16 principal at Mobile Elementary, McCaysville Elementary, West Fannin Junior High, and
17 West Fannin Middle Schools; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Arp was passionate about providing children with the highest quality
19 education possible, set the standard for excellence in education in all his positions, and
20 earned the respect and admiration of his students, faculty, and staff; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Arp was a lifelong member of the First
22 United Methodist Church of Copperhill, where he worshiped, sang, and held numerous
23 leadership positions; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Arp was united in love and marriage to Louise Chastain Arp in 1959 and
25 was blessed with three remarkable children, Charles, Andrew, and Lisa, and five wonderful
26 grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
28 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
29 family and friends were admired by others; and

30 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
31 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
32 made this world a better place in which to live; and

33 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Arp will long be remembered for his
34 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be
35 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles Henry Arp,
38 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Charles
41 Henry Arp, Sr.